

WIFE TO DIVORCE CHARLIE CHAPLIN; LEAVES HIM AFTER BITTER QUARREL

May Sue Screen Comedian for \$1,000,000 Balm

HOLLYWOOD, CAL., Dec. 2 (By U. P.).—Lita Gray, 18, wife of Charlie Chaplin, world famous screen comedian, has left her husband, "never to return," and, charging ill treatment, will seek an immediate divorce, she declared today.

Both Lita and Charlie, whose sudden marriage in Empalme, Mexico, two years ago was the talk of Hollywood and a news event wherever motion pictures are shown, have confirmed the separation.

Gossip at Hollywood links the name of Merna Kennedy, Charlie's newest leading lady, with the split. It is rumored generally that the little red-haired beauty may have struck a new love chord in the soul of the temperamental film comedian.

The gossip persists in spite of the fact that Mrs. Chaplin was a former school-mate of Miss Kennedy and was responsible for Charlie's choice of the girl to play the lead in his latest fun film.



Merna Kennedy

It was recalled also that Charlie in recent months was seldom seen alone with his wife at the cafes and dancing parties graced by the screen players.

There was usually a third person along, a handsome young chap—so that Lita might dance to her heart's content. The comedian was often tired after long days of tedious work before the cameras and dancing was too strenuous for a genius who labored.

Mrs. Chaplin, taking her two baby boys, Charles Spencer, Jr., and Sidney Earl, with her, has moved into the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curry, and she will not return to the mansion that Charlie built for her on a hilltop in Beverly Hills.

She contemplates a divorce, she

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WON'T OUST GEN. WOOD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (By U. P.).—Published reports today that President Coolidge had decided to remove Gen. Leonard Wood as governor general of the Philippines were met at the Executive Mansion with the statement that nothing was known of the reports, and that Wood's resignation was not expected.

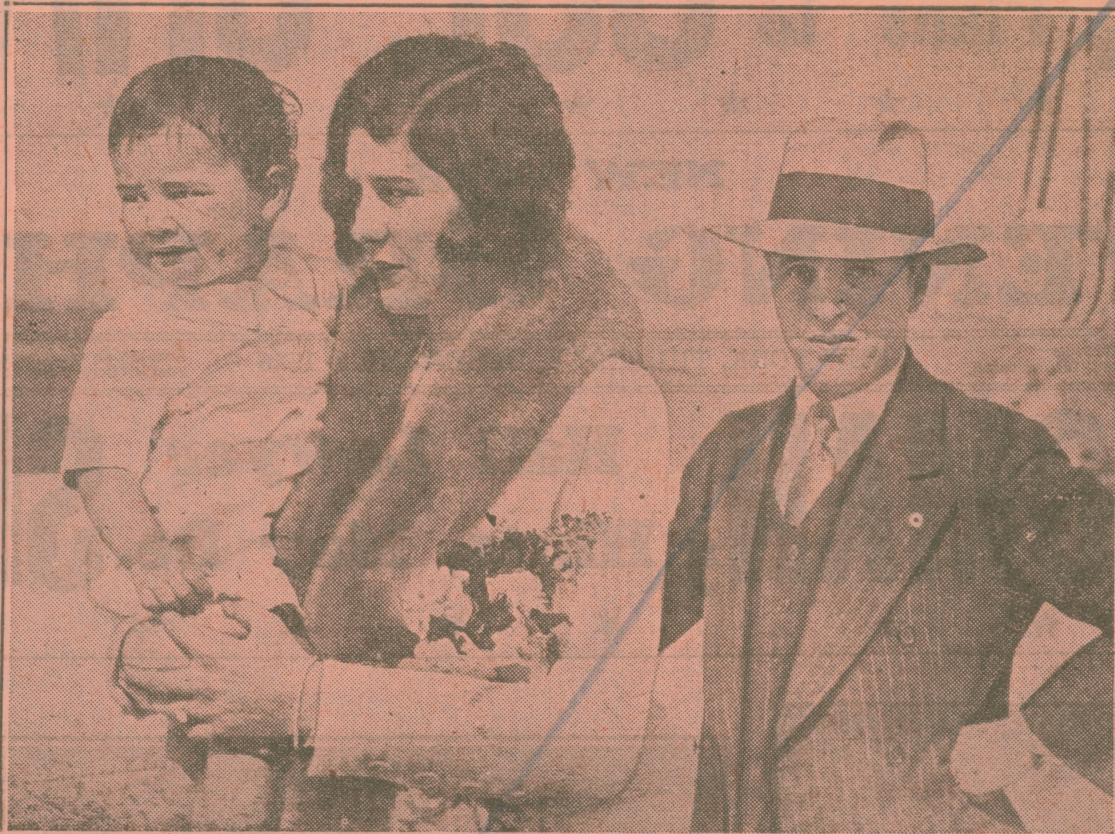
Plot to Kill Mussolini And De Rivera Is Nipped

MADRID, Dec. 2 (By U. P.).—Discovery of a plot to assassinate Premier Primo de Rivera of Spain and Premier Mussolini of Italy was announced by the police today.

The police said the plans were directed by a large anarchistic organization. Numerous arrests were made yesterday. The headquarters of the plotters in Madrid was raided, and two men were found making bombs.

Had the assassination of Rivera proved successful, the plotters are said to have planned to bomb the members of the cabinet at the premier's funeral.

Divorce Clouds Shadow Chaplin Household



DEFENDANT IN A SUIT for divorce will be the real life role Charlie Chaplin is booked to play soon, according to his estranged wife today. Mrs. Chaplin, the former Lita Grey, left her husband after a violent quarrel, and immediately took steps to file the suit. Above are the Chaplins with their elder son.

'Tarbot' in Insane Asylum; Says His Name Is Flint

Special Dispatch to The GRAPHIC

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., Dec. 2.—"Jerry Tarbot," the wounded World War veteran who lost his memory when he was shot in the head eight years ago and who has been struggling aimlessly since that time to find out who he really is, today was located at the State Hospital for the Insane here.

A BROADWAY GEYSER

A replica of "Old Faithful," famous Western geyser, was seen on Broadway and 129th Street today when a 20-inch water main burst.

The spout tore through the sidewalk, hurling broken cement in all directions and flooding cellars.

Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges -- \$1,169,000,000
Balances ---- 119,000,000
Credit balance 105,000,000

May Be Recovered

Dr. Leach declared that "Doe" had said he was "Tarbot," and then had declared he was Theodore Flint, 39, married, of Poughkeepsie. An investigation is under way now to discover whether or not "Tarbot" has at last regained his memory.

Dr. Leach said he was fairly confident that "Doe" was "Tarbot" after examining him.

At the Tecla Corporation, 398 5th Ave., where "Tarbot" was employed for some time, it was reported that he had resigned about a month ago, and that his whereabouts were not known.

"Tarbot" has been identified as many different persons, including George Chapuis, former student at Fordham University; James Harbet of Glasgow, Scotland; Bruce Harpin, former Brooklyn lunch counter proprietor, and George Beaupre, a French-Canadian.

BULLETIN

A woman and two children were reported serious burned in a fire which started this afternoon in a tenement house at Bartlett Street and Throop Avenue, Brooklyn.



B. Mussolini



Primo de Rivera

Stevedore's Widow Awarded \$35,000 For Mate's Death

The tragic death of Stephen Francis Pierce, longshoreman, by drowning in April, 1925, in the Hudson River, had its sequel today when his widow, mother of five children, learned she had received a \$35,000 verdict for her loss from a jury before Supreme Court Justice Townley.

A happy smile wreathed the face of the widow, Mrs. Ellen Pierce, of 240 Palisade Ave., Hoboken, today as her attorney, Emanuel Friedman, of 51 Chambers St., prepared judgment papers against the Munson Line and the U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Pierce was helping unload cargo from the Southern Cross when he fell fifteen feet from a ladder, striking the sides of the lighter and fell into the river, stunned. Police recovered the body several hours later. George M. Curtis, Jr., was trial counsel.

Found Here



JERRY TARBOT

Cold Snap Hits City on Heels of 52-Mile Wind

With a nine degree drop in temperature, from 30 to 21, in eight hours, New York today found itself shivering in the first real nip of winter. High winds, at times gaining a velocity of 52 miles an hour, added to the general discomfort.

One exposure case—the first of the season—was reported. Patrolman Theodore Butkis of East 22d Street station found John Kelly, 68, no home, shivering in a doorway. Kelly was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

The Weather Bureau gives no promise of relief today or tomorrow, but indicates slightly warmer weather over Saturday and Sunday. The northwest wind is blowing in cold from the Middle West, where temperatures have been reported as low as 20 below zero. Iowa reported 50 degree drops in some places over high temperatures of yesterday.

Pittsburgh's official thermometer showed 20 above at 8 a. m., the coldest December 2 in 30 years.

Ice floes are jamming the upper portions of the Great Lakes, Crookston, Minn., reported 26 degrees below zero.

One man was reported dead from cold in Chicago.

'Santa' McLaughlin Promotes 11 Cops As Xmas Surprise

Police Commissioner McLaughlin played Santa Claus to four lieutenants and seven sergeants today, when he promoted them in rank.

The lieutenants are now captains. They are William J. Kayes of the Thirtieth Precinct; Patrick McCarthy of the Sixteenth Division; John J. El-

wood of the Fifteenth Division, and Matthew J. McGrath of Traffic A.

The sergeants who become lieutenants are Walter L. Crow, 5th Avenue, Brooklyn; William H. Fielding, Bridge Precinct; Joseph Goldstein, Morrisania; Frederick Engel, Classon Avenue, Brooklyn; Joseph P. Murray, Sedgwick Avenue; Patrick F. McVeigh of the Central Park Arsenal, and Valentine W. Corell of Williamsbridge.

ANCHOR GIANT BOULDER

West Shore Railroad officials have started men to work anchoring a giant boulder, weighing many tons, in order to avert danger to pedestrians near Grauer Causeway, Weehawken, N. J. The cost of the operation will amount to about \$20,000.

THE WEATHER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1926



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST				
LOCAL—Fair tonight and Friday; warmer Friday; moderate northerly winds.				
EASTERN NEW YORK—Fair tonight; Friday partly cloudy; rising temperature; moderate northerly winds.				
Hour	Temp.	Weather	Barom.	Wind
Midnight	30	Clear	30.02	NW. 44
2 a. m.	28	Clear	30.02	NW. 48
4 a. m.	26	Clear	30.04	NW. 42
6 a. m.	24	Clear	30.04	NW. 42
8 a. m.	21	Clear	30.04	NW. 42
10 a. m.	23	Clear	30.07	NW. 42